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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,148,234
AB United States Patent No. 6,070,100
AC United States Patent No. 5,720,768
AL European Application 0 990 451
AM European Application 0 598 616
AT United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0049542
AU United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0183795

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AB, AC and AT were identified and discussed at pages 2-4 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

The remaining references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the Swedish Patent Office and a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office

in connection with the respective counterpart Swedish and European applications. All of these references were cited in Category "A" as general technological background information. Copies of the Swedish Search Report and the European Search report are submitted herewith.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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